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BRITAIN IN THROES OF GREAT

SMUGGLING CHARGES DENIED

"Far from wanting to make Hong Kong a base for smuggling into China, the Government was doing everything in its power to put a stop to these activities," said the Government spokesman yesterday.

He was referring to a press report from Nanking, which stated that Hong Kong was not co-operating with Chinese authorities.

"The most recent case of the 'Sinking' is an indication of Government's efforts in this direction."

"It is but one of some 500 cases which had been prosecuted over the past year," the spokesman said.

He added that the report that the British authorities had ignored Chinese representations for the conclusion of a financial agreement to prevent smuggling into China and aid China in her economic recovery was also misleading.

Negotiations between representatives of the Chinese Government and the Hong Kong Government are in progress in Hong Kong, he declared.

He was, however, unable to reveal how far they had progressed or on what level they were being conducted.

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Cries of dissent from the members' benches, which were packed almost as full as yesterday when members sat on the floor and in the gangways, greeted Mr. Dalton's remark.

"We have run into a great storm," he began. "This storm has sprung up very swiftly."

He was interrupted by a growling murmur from the hot and stuffy House which had just heard the Lord President of the Council (Mr. Herbert Morrison) announce it could not adjourn until next Wednesday instead of quitting for the summer recess this week-end.

"I have already called up my resources to be patient with any interruption I may meet," Mr. Dalton said.

Index Figures He began by quoting American wholesale prices and said the index had risen from 101.7 in January, 1946, to 150.6 in July, 1947.

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Millionaire's Son Was Kidnapped

Shanghai, Aug. 7. The Shanghai District Procurator today indicted Su Wan-lai on charges of kidnapping Li An-ti, son of Mr. Li Shao-chin, the well-known Manila Chinese multi-millionaire.

According to a report in the Shanghai Evening Post, Su, now detained at the District Procurate, was said to have kidnapped Li.

He held him for 1,000,000 pesos ransom.

He came to Shanghai early this year and was arrested here following the arrest of an accomplice, the report added.—Reuter.

Battle Over Sungari

Shanghai, Aug. 7.

Chinese reports from Mukden claimed today that the Nationalists opened an attack on the Kirin front in Eastern Manchuria on Wednesday after secretly crossing the Sungari River.

The attack began as the Wodemeyer mission was visiting the Manchurian headquarters town of Mukden.

The reports said that, catching the Communists unawares, a strong government force crossed the Sungari at Wulankai, north of Kirin, which is 80 miles east of Changchun.

The reports said the Communists were withdrawing in disorder, suffering heavy casualties.

General Chen Cheng, Chief of Staff, arrived from Nanking at Mukden where it was believed he will direct operations designed to "shatter" the Communist plots to mount a "sixth offensive," the reports added.—United Press.

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Typhoon Blows Out

Tokyo, Aug. 7. With no casualties and no serious damage reported, the typhoon, "Gwen," — the season's seventh — passed over the Tokyo area, providing much needed rain for the city's reservoirs.

The city authorities had recently warned that water supplies would be rationed unless rainfalls occurred as reservoirs were dangerously low.

"The storm, with intermittent 40-mile gusts, also brought a cool relief during one of the hottest summers in recent years."

"Gwen" drove up the eastern Honshu coast from the Nagoya area.

The storm, which had reached high velocity at sea, blew across the city at about 85 miles per hour in gusts of rain.

Neither weather reporting stations nor the Navy headquarters — which had dispatched some ships to sea to avoid the storm — had any damage reports.

Ships Out Earlier, ships of the British and American fleets put to sea today to ride out the typhoon which was expected to hit Japan's main island of Honshu midway between Tokyo and Nagoya and reach the Tokyo and Yokohama area about 1800 today.

The typhoon was described as of "continually diminishing intensity."

Winds, accompanied by heavy rains, were expected to decline to 45 miles an hour or less.

Five British ships putting to sea were the light cruisers Sussex and Glasgow, and destroyers Quaker, Gossack and Perth.

The four American ships were Navajo, an ally, Whelton, an LSD (landing ship dock), Garibaldi Bay, a seaplane tender and Quensen, a destroyer.—United Press.

The Japanese Transportation Ministry has received incomplete reports of a train wreck on the Kii Peninsula in the Wakayama Prefecture in central Honshu on account of the typhoon.

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Indonesians Ready To Accept U.S. Good Offices

Batavia, August 7.

Radio Jogjakarta announced today that the Indonesian Cabinet has accepted the United States offer to exert its good offices in Java and has urged the Security Council to appoint an arbitration commission.

The Indonesian asked the United States to use its influence with the Netherlands and the Security Council to accept the dispatch to Indonesia without delay of an international commission to arbitrate said radio.

The United States offer was communicated by U.S. Consul General in Batavia (Mr. Walter Foote) by radio last night and this morning.

The Republican Government is fully prepared to submit to the decision of the United Nations.

Jogjakarta also asked the United States to send a representative so that the Republic could be more fully informed of the official viewpoint.

The Indonesians also asked the United States to urge that the head of the proposed commission be a "man of sufficient power in the world to ensure that the decisions of the commission be binding on both sides in this dispute."

The broadcast said the Indonesian decision was made by a full cabinet.

Jogjakarta, however, made it clear that it still wanted its case to go before a commission of many nations—not one.

Dutch Viewpoint A Dutch official today said the Dutch Ambassador (Belco van Kieffens), saw Undersecretary Lovett at noon and assured him of Dutch willingness to give the utmost cooperation to United States' good offices, including the proposed sending of a United States mission to Indonesia.

Mr. van Kieffens repeated to Mr. Lovett the Dutch contention that the United Nations Security Council had no legal jurisdiction over the Indonesian dispute.

Later he would say only that he again presented the Dutch viewpoint on the issue and that Mr. Lovett presented the United States viewpoint.

A Dutch Embassy spokesman said Mr. van Kieffens was scheduled to attend the Security Council meeting tomorrow to be available to answer questions.

In Washington, the Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall), told the press that the United States was preparing to send a mission to Indonesia to mediate in the dispute there if both sides agreed.

He added that there were "no conditions attached" to the United States offer of good offices.

At the same time he disclosed the reason for the four-day delay of the United States offer of good offices.

He said it was due to difficulty in contacting Republican officials in Indonesia.

This was first tried through the United Nations, he explained.

Then the former Republican Premier, (Dr. Sjahrir), in New

Delhi, has tried but it was found these methods were unworkable.

It was then decided to have the United States Consul General in Batavia, (Mr. Walter Foote), make the offer directly to the Indonesian Vice-Premier, (Dr. Gani).

Asked whether President Truman's Chief of Staff (Admiral Leahy) was being considered as head of any United States mission there might be to Indonesia, Mr. Marshall said this was the first time he had heard anything to that effect.

Australian View In Australia Prime Minister Chifley said the Australian Government was prepared to act jointly with the United States in the role of a "mediator and arbitrator" of the East Indies conflict.

He told the press "this offer is made in a spirit of impartiality and with only one desire—to see as soon as possible a peaceful settlement between the Dutch and Indonesian Republics."

Meanwhile, in Nanking the Chinese Government supported the communication of Indonesia and the cessation of hostilities in the Netherlands East Indies.

He said the Chinese Government's attitude was different from that of Britain, France and Belgium, because China advocated this from the beginning.

This accounted for China's mediation offer and the Chinese delegate's prompt vote for United Nations intervention.

The spokesman said that China hoped the Netherlands authorities would honour their promise of protection of overseas Chinese and that the Indonesian Republic would abandon its "scorched earth policy" which victimised mostly Chinese nationals.

He said the Chinese Government had taken note of the strenuous efforts made by the Dutch authorities to rescue suffering Chinese.—United Press, Associated Press & Reuter.

ADMIRAL CHAN WELCOMED Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chak was given a rousing welcome by the Chinese community yesterday at a reception in the Ying King Restaurant.

The Admiral confirmed reports from Canton that he would be leaving soon for a visit to America and Britain. He added that he would go to Nanking before his departure.

Sir Andrew told press representatives that he will also visit the South Seas to campaign for donations for the Helian Universal.

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Protest To Macao

Nanking, Aug. 7. Foreign Office sources said today that the Foreign Ministry has directed its Macao representative to lodge a strong protest with the Portuguese authorities as a result of an alleged beating to death of a Chinese villager by Portuguese policemen.

The message asked for the arrest of all the policemen involved in the case, pending complete investigation.—Associated Press.

BURMA CHINESE RETURN

Shanghai, Aug. 7.

The repatriation of overseas Chinese to Burma was the subject of conferences here today between U Tun Maung, the Burmese Government representative who arrived here yesterday from Hong Kong, and local officials of the International Refugee Organisation.

U Tun Maung and his party expect to leave for Fochow tomorrow or Saturday to continue the screening of applicants for repatriation to Burma.

His trip to Shanghai is connected with the third round of negotiations for repatriates to Burma within the next few weeks.

The first shipment of 2,000 war-displaced Chinese to Burma took place in October last year, and the second of 2,200 occurred in June.

Their departure will leave an estimated 12,000 additional Burma Chinese in China, mostly in South China, centres like Amoy, Swatow, Canton and Fochow.

U Tun Maung explained today that the screening of applicants had been completed for Amoy, Swatow, and Canton, and that within the next fortnight the interviewing of refugees in Fochow will be completed.

He will then return to Shanghai to continue screening activities here and in Nanking.

Many of the refugees from Burma are former drivers and mechanics of the Burma Road who aided the Allies in the war by driving supply trucks into China.—Reuter.

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RED GIVES FIST SALUTE IN DOCK

With his right hand raised and fist clenched Tse Kwok-wah shouted "Long live the Communist party" as he was being led away from the dock at the Supreme Court yesterday after he had been sentenced to death by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall.

He has been found guilty by the jury of the murder of Li Yuk-ling, killed in an explosion on March 1 at the Ko Shing Theatre.

This case, which was tried by a special jury, lasted six days and concluded yesterday morning after an hour and a half summation by the judge and a ten-minute retirement of the jury.

Before passing sentence the Chief Justice said to accused Tse: "You have been found guilty of murder. I agree with the verdict of the jury and I am satisfied that you are the master mind and the spirit in this diabolical organisation of Blackall and murder."

These threats have been hanging over the heads of the people of Hong Kong for many months.

After the passing of the death sentence, Tse was led to the gallows and executed.

He was the only one of the three who were sentenced to death.

The other two were sentenced to life imprisonment.

The jury was composed of seven members.

The case was heard in the Supreme Court.

Millions Of Homeless Chinese Face Famine

Nanking, Aug. 7.

Millions of homeless are threatened with famine this winter in the rich rice-producing Northern Kiangsu Province which has been inundated by flood waters.

United Press correspondent, Ernest Hoberecht, who just completed a flight over 100 square miles of flooded farmland, said the area lies between the old and new courses of the Yellow River.

Torrential rains raised rivers and caused the 16-year-high water mark, according to Chinese reports, which estimated that as many as 10,000,000 people and farmers were in danger.

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"PILLS FOR EARTHQUAKE" Austerity Cuts Less Than Expected

The Fundamental Cure

London, Aug. 6. Financial experts here tonight described as "even graver than had been generally expected" several of the implications of the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee's crisis speech to the House of Commons today.

That some of the austerity cuts are less severe than was expected is clearly because of his recognition that cuts by themselves are merely "pills for an earthquake," liable to do more harm than good, they pointed out.

For a fundamental cure the Government evidently relies on getting rid of the loan obligations of convertibility and non-discrimination, which Mr. Attlee described as "disastrous" to Britain and no advantage to the United States, or anyone else, and on measures for enlarging and redirecting production.

Cuts are only a stop-gap until these fundamental remedies can take effect.

Meanwhile, the previously announced coal and steel targets for 1947 and the export target for June, 1948 have not apparently been raised, and Mr. Attlee merely announced higher steel and export targets for later dates. The achievement of the new export target for December 1948 (160 per cent of pre-war) would still fall short of redressing Britain's balance of payments.

Ultimate Reserves

His disclosure that Britain's "ultimate reserves" (her own stock of gold and dollars) are £600,000,000 disabused hopes that the gold stock had been enlarged during this year. This is actually below the last published figure of £643,000,000 at the end of 1946. Accumulation during this year must thus have been small, not even enough to offset the £60,000,000 of gold transferred to the International Monetary Fund last February. He significantly added that these ultimate reserves cannot be allowed to fall below a certain point.

Perhaps his gravest disclosure was that although Britain's own trade deficit with the United States in the first half of this year was £176,000,000, her total dollar deficit was £105,000,000 (at the rate of £810,000,000 a year) and "the most serious aspect of the

whole situation has been the acceleration of this dollar drain in recent months."

Coal Target

Although he confirmed that the abnormal drawing of £175,000,000 from the loan in July should not be taken as an indication of the trend, this clearly implies that the recent dollar drain has been at an even higher rate than £810,000,000 annually.

The 4,000,000 tons of weekly coal output aimed at from September onwards would barely meet the original and admittedly inadequate 1947 target of 200,000,000 tons. The steel target of 12,500,000 tons for 1947 as a whole appears to be no larger than was contemplated last February, so that the extra effort would only make good the effects of the February fuel crisis and other handicaps. Mr. Attlee announced a new steel target of 14,000,000 tons for 1948.

The export target of 140 per cent for the first half of 1948 repeats the already disclosed postponement of the original aim to reach that figure by the end of 1947. The new target for the end of 1948 is 160 per cent. Previous calculations were that the redressing of Britain's balance of payments would require an export volume of 175 per cent, without allowing any repayments of sterling balances or other war debts.

Overstrain

Mr. Attlee confirmed that the fundamental trouble was overstrain.

"We have tried to do too much in too short a time." His policy announcement of concentrating on basic industries, exports and other immediate tasks, coupled with his statement that there will be a

LEGISLATIVE TUSSLE

London, Aug. 6. The House of Lords today ended another long tussle with the House of Commons by accepting the rejection by the House of Commons of their amendment to the Government's agriculture and transport nationalisation bills.

Both bills were given Royal Assent and are now law.—Reuter.

tighter control over public and private capital investments, implies retrenchment of all post-war capital developments.

Leading economists have recently argued that this was the only way in which Britain could make ends meet. They coupled this with the policy, which Mr. Attlee also announced, of longer hours in the basic industries, wherever longer hours can contribute to increased production.

Both halves of the policy of trying to maintain basic rations while taking no risks with stocks were also advocated by responsible unofficial economists.

Food Cuts

The only risk which is to be taken with stocks—whose maintenance is regarded by economists as vital—is apparently by trying to postpone part of the purchases of raw cotton. This should be feasible, since stocks of raw cotton are an exception to the general threadbareness of Britain's economy. They were recently reported at an all-time record, sufficient for about 18 months consumption.

The projected cut in food imports by £12,000,000 a month or by £144,000,000 a year is substantial. Because of higher overseas prices, the estimate for total food imports was raised in July from £725,000,000 to £840,000,000 a year. Imports of general consumer goods had already been cut from £35,000,000 to £30,000,000 and are now further cut to £25,000,000.

The absence of any announcement of further cuts in imports of machinery and equipment speaks for itself. Previously they were estimated at only £55,000,000 in a total import programme of £1,700,000,000.

Raw materials were placed at £640,000,000 and, excepting the possible reduction of cotton stocks, the only cut which Mr. Attlee announced was £10,000,000 on timber.

Convertibility

The previous import programme provided for only 70 to 80 per cent of the pre-war volume. With the further cuts now announced, it will clearly be a tight squeeze to maintain a tolerable standard of living and at the same time to find the wherewithal for exports scheduled to reach 140 or 160 per cent of the pre-war volume.

Mr. Attlee's remark that "unless the multilateral system can be made to work, supported by adequate finance," Britain must seek a solution "along other lines," is the clue to Britain's attitude in the forthcoming "high level conference" on easing the loan terms which the Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall, announced today.

It means that Britain will say that unless the United States can give her the resources to make convertibility or a sterling loan, convertibility cannot be maintained.

Authoritative quarters tonight confirmed this interpretation and added that the only apparent way to maintain convertibility would be for the United States to agree to hold a mass of sterling, which would be equivalent to a new loan. Without some such drastic easement, the suspension of sterling convertibility must be expected, and this 1947 version of the gold standard will have lived only a few weeks.—Reuter.

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR WAR

ROME, Aug. 7. Ettore Vanni, described as an Italian Communist who returned to Italy after eight years in the Soviet Union, writes in the conservative Rome newspaper *Il Tempo* that Russia is no longer Communist and is preparing for war.

"Lenin's country has been reduced to a pitiful anachronism," wrote Vanni, who according to *Il Tempo*, has himself remained a convinced Communist.

"The dictatorship of the proletariat," he said, "has been replaced by the dictatorship of corrupt bureaucracy which is liquidating every vestige of socialism." Associated Press.

Pledge By Workers, Employers

LONDON, AUG. 6. REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITAIN'S INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS TONIGHT PLEDGED "FULL COOPERATION IN ASSISTING TO RESTORE THE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF BRITAIN" WHEN THEY MET UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, MR. ISAACS, TONIGHT.

The industrial leaders, 16 representatives each from the Employers' Confederation and the Trade Union Congress forming the "National Advisory Council," met at the Ministry of Labour to discuss manpower problems arising from the Government's plans for the redeployment of British industry.

A further meeting to consider detailed application of the Government's proposals will be held next week.—Reuter.

Opposition Criticism Of Government

London, Aug. 6. The Conservative Opposition, still not convinced that the measures the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, proposed to the House of Commons today will extricate Britain from her economic plight, will probably vote against the Government at the end of the debate tomorrow.

In the views of the Opposition, the emergency measures outlined do not represent the all-out co-ordination of national effort which they consider necessary to beat the present threat to Britain's economic existence.

The plan, they think, is too diffuse to succeed. Lack of courage and boldness are the Opposition's two chief criticisms of the Government's catalogue of retrenchment measures. They think—and some Labour Members join them in this—that the armed forces cuts are disappointingly small.

They are dismayed at the curtailment of the housing programme, indicated in the reduction of lumber imports. The Opposition, all along, has contended that the programme is inadequate to answer the country's desperate shortage of accommodation.

The hard core of Labour does not agree with the Opposition criticism, predicting that the criticisms of "tinkering" instead of dealing boldly, with the fundamentals, will be proved to be without foundation.

Government supporters feel that in the new legislation which is being introduced this week to meet the crisis, the Government has taken a stand broad enough to deal with any eventuality in the national economy.—Reuter.

British Protest In Vienna

Vienna, Aug. 6. Sir George Rendel, chief British representative of the Austrian Treaty Commission, today made a strong protest at a meeting of the Commission against the Soviet action in seizing the Lobau oil refinery, the largest in Austria, which, he said, the British Government regarded as an Anglo-American interest.

The American and French representatives supported the British protest. Sir George Rendel condemned the Russian action as "unilaterally taking the matter into their own hands."—Reuter.

NEW CUNARD

London, Aug. 6. The 14,000-ton cargo-passenger liner *Medea*, latest addition to the Cunard White Star fleet, now on its trials, will arrive in the Mersey next Sunday afternoon to load for her maiden voyage to New York on Aug. 20.—Reuter.

Cabinet In Exile Resigns

Paris, Aug. 6. The Spanish Republican Government in exile, led by Socialist Rudolfo Llopis, handed in its resignation today to President Martinez Barrio.

The Government's collapse, which had been predicted in informed Spanish circles here for several days, was preceded today by the withdrawal of the Communist Ministers from the Cabinet.

Early tonight there was no official explanation of the resignation of the Llopis Government, but informed observers said the development followed logically the acceptance recently by the exiled Socialist Party's General Assembly of suggestions for "sweeping governmental reforms."

The reforms were suggested by Socialist leader Isaaclo Prieto, who claimed the President of the exiled Government was "ineffective" and should be dissolved. He advocated that he be replaced by a Junta grouping all anti-Franco forces except

Pravda Sounds Alarm

London, Aug. 6. Pravda, official organ of the Soviet Communist Party, today "sounded the alarm" at the "unsatisfactory conditions in Soviet power stations" where, it said, work was endangered for the autumn and winter by low fuel stocks, hardly 50 per cent of the estimated quantities, according to Moscow Radio.

Izvestia, organ of the Soviet Government, was quoted by the Radio as saying that harvest work was still far from having been satisfactorily completed in several provinces, work had fallen short of anticipation and the "fight for bread has reached its decisive stage," the paper added.—Reuter.

RAILWAY CHARGES UP

London, Aug. 7. The Minister of Transport announced today that passenger and freight rates on Britain's four mainline railways will be raised on Oct. 1. The increases raise all charges 55 per cent above pre-war rates.—Associated Press.

CANADA INCLUDED

Ottawa, Aug. 6. According to Ottawa officials, Canada is included within the "four big countries" countries whose reports of foodstuffs to Britain will be put under the Attlee programme of £100,000,000.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. North China Insurance Co., Ltd. The Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.

The undermentioned joined the Boards of Directors of the above Companies as from 17th July, 1947.

C. BLAKER, Esq., (Chairman) J. F. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
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The Directors announce the re-establishment of the Head and Registered Offices of the Companies at Union Building, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, as from 17th July 1947.

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

Abridged Combined Revenue Account for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

Fund at beginning of the year	£1,024,870	Claims Paid	£1,245,208
Additional Reserve	524,500	Commissions, Expenses and Provision of Taxation	1,110,218
	£2,549,370	Transfer to Profit & Loss	284,934
Premium Income after deducting Returns, etc.	3,027,334	Fund at end of year	2,011,944
	£5,176,804	Additional Reserve	524,500
			£5,176,804

Consolidated Balance Sheet on the 31st December, 1946.

LIABILITIES.	
Shareholders' Capital:—	
Authorised	200,000 Shares of £10 each £2,000,000
Issued	135,000 Shares of £10 each £1,350,000
Paid up	135,000 Shares of £10 each, £6 paid
	£ 810,000
General Reserve	810,000
Reinsurance Fund	600,000
Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account	387,414
Leasehold Reserve Account	62,222
Marine Fund	1,730,180
Fire Fund	987,504
Accident and General Fund	198,454
Profit and Loss Account	301,939
	£5,507,719

Claims admitted or intimated but not paid:—	
Fire	£178,048
Accident and General	87,459
	265,507
Staff Provident Fund	565,147
Unclaimed Dividends	74,902
Provisions for Taxation and other Contingencies	874,288
Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances	508,843
Provision for Dividends payable 20th May, 1947.	185,025
	£7,978,029

ASSETS

Mortgages on Property out of the United Kingdom	£ 11,607
Investments:—	
Deposit with the High Court, London, British Government Securities	123,062
British Government Securities	1,479,091
Colonial and Indian Government Securities	1,305,089
Provincial	87,535
Municipal	68,228
U.S.A. Government Securities	903,951
Other Foreign Government Securities	72,793
U.S.A. Railway Debentures	82,088
Other Railway Debentures	19,373
Railway Preference and Guaranteed Stocks	14,350
U.S.A. Public Utility Debentures	81,077
Other Debentures	90,252
Other Preference and Guaranteed Stocks	47,789
Shares in Marine, Fire & General Insurance Cos.	433,845
Other Ordinary Stocks and Shares	283,000
House Property—Freehold (at cost, less amounts written off)	231,700
—Leasehold (—do—)	301,580
Sundry Debtors including Branch & Agency Balances	994,603
Interest and Dividends accrued but not payable	38,454
Cash:—	
On Deposit	£ 205,044
On Current Account	1,131,740
	1,336,784
	£7,978,029

All figures in Sterling.

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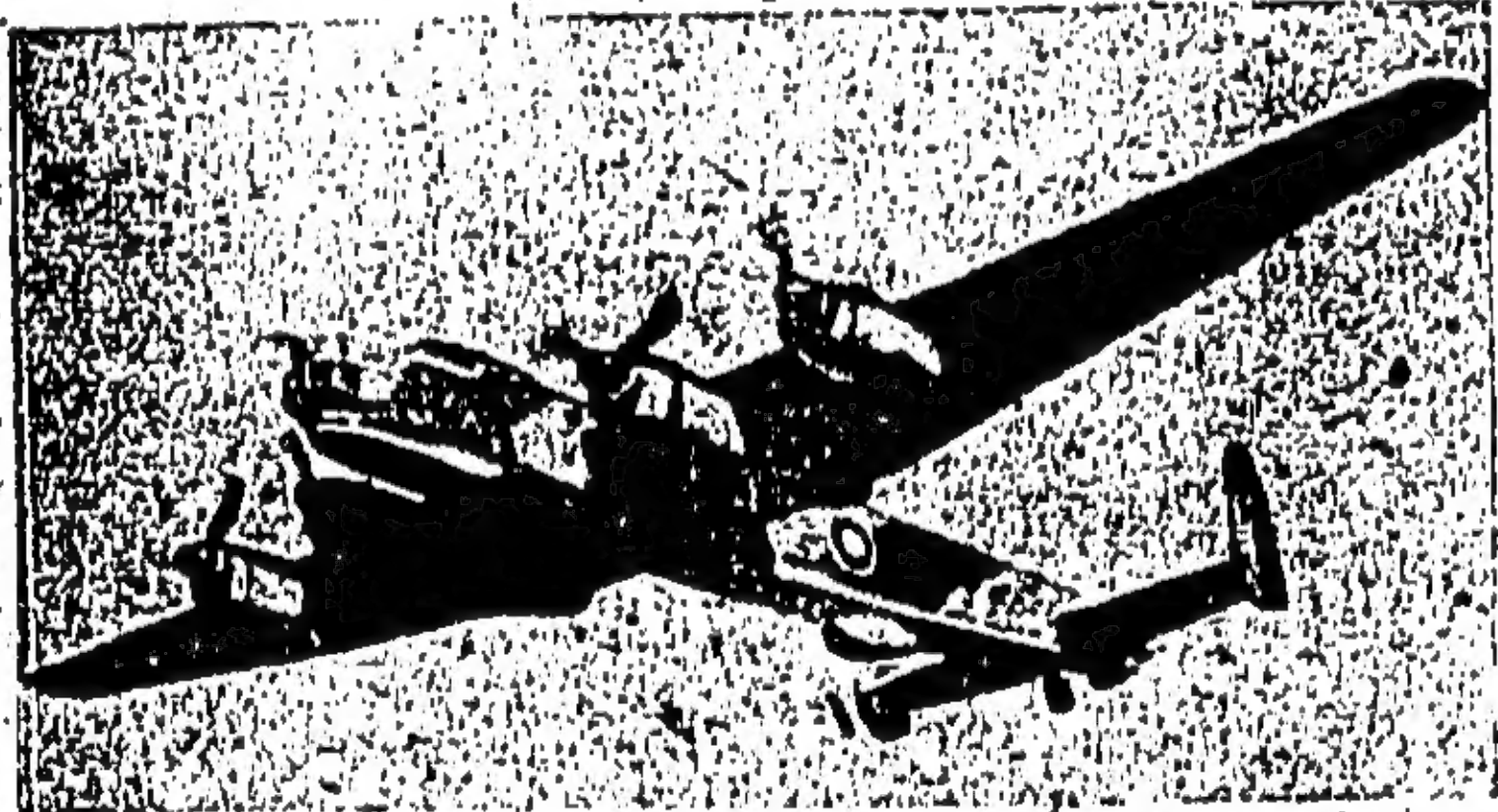
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BOOMERANG POLICY?

Arrests Of Zionist Leaders United Front May Be Weakened

London, Aug. 6.
Reports from Jerusalem state that the arrest by
the British authorities yesterday of 39 Zionist
leaders, including three mayors, appears to
have had a boomerang effect. The arrests have
deeply incensed most of the Zionists in the
country and may have the effect of weakening
the united front that was being prepared
against terrorism.

It is believed that after this
act of collective punishment,
coupled with the deportation of
refugees to France, the desire
to co-operate with the Palestine
Government by the inhabitants
will gradually weaken.

Two of the mayors sent to
Latrun detention camp, Israel
Spokach, of Tel Aviv, and Oved
Ben Ami, of Nathanya, were
among the leaders of the pro-
posed united front. Arlef
Altman, chairman of the Re-
visionist Movement, who is
also in Latrun, was recognised
as an advocate of anti-terror-
ism.

The Hebrew newspaper,
Haaritz, expressed "the amaze-
ment of the Jewish people at
this latest stroke" and recalled
that only last week many of
those now detained had laid the
foundation for an anti-terrorist
campaign.

The Revisionist newspaper,
Hamshkif, went so far as to in-
dicate that the leaders of the
Jewish Agency for Palestine
had engineered or, at least, en-
couraged the arrests of their
political opponents, but this
was categorically denied by an
Agency spokesman in Jerusalem
today.

It was a little more than a
year ago on June 29 that Jew-
ish Agency leaders had been
similarly detained at the Lat-
run detention camp on suspicion
of anti-Government activities.

Irgun Reaction

"Davar" declared: "By
these arrests, the Government
offers a ready argument to
those who maintain that the au-
thorities are more interested in
undermining the organised
strength of Yishuv than in re-
pressing terrorism."
Irgun Zvai Leumi broadcast
tonight an "explanation" of the
arrests. A rough translation
of the Hebrew was, in sub-
stance: "The man in the
street calls this 'Operation
Golda', but we do not believe it.
The Agency was merely told to
co-operate with the Government
or its leaders would again go
to Latrun."

Irgun said that the arrests
did not weaken its organisation.
The broadcaster said that in
future all operations by Irgun
would be directed against the
military.—Reuter.

POLAND'S PACT WITH RUSSIA

Warsaw, Aug. 7.
Under the new one-year trade
treaty between Poland and the
Soviet Union, details of which
have not yet been published,
Poland will receive 50,000 tons
of cotton from Russia in 1947.
This would amount to 70 per
cent of Poland's needs of last
year (which are still being
partially covered by delayed
UNRRA shipments).

Only 17 per cent of the raw
cotton will be exported to Russia
as finished goods, but these ex-
ports will cover 65 per cent of
the cost of the raw cotton, ac-
cording to Dr. Ludwik Gross-
feld, of the Foreign Trade
Ministry, who headed the Polish
delegation to Moscow.—Reuter.

J. W. PEMBERTON DEAD

London, Aug. 7.
J. W. Pemberton, lessee of the
Ambassador's Theatre, where
three successive Herlihy Gin-
gold reviews have totalled over
1,000 performances, died today
after a long illness. He was 63.
—Associated Press.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

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Hong Kong, 7th August, 1947.

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Marshall On The Japanese Treaty

Washington, Aug. 6.
The Secretary of State,
General George Marshall, today
said that all the eleven nations
approached by the United States
on the question of holding the
Japanese peace treaty conference
had now agreed that it was
necessary to act as promptly as
possible.

He added, however, that there
was some disagreement on pro-
cedure.

He said the United States had
not yet answered the Russian
note, which other officials said
wanted to retain the veto power
in the writing of the treaty.

General Marshall said the
United States and Russia were
not yet in communication re-
garding the possibility of hold-
ing a high-level review of the
work of the Joint Soviet-
American Commission in Korea.
Reviewing the agreement be-
tween himself and M. Molotov,
Soviet Foreign Minister, for re-
convening the Joint Commission
two months ago, General Mar-
shall said nothing beyond that
information was available now.
—United Press.

Hirshberg Trial

New York, Aug. 6.

The defence for Harold Hirsh-
berg rested his case today.

The Judge Advocate said he
would call rebuttal witnesses.

The last witness to appear be-
fore the seven-man court was
Lt. Lytle F. Orcutt (USN).

During his second day on the
stand, Lt. Orcutt testified that
Hirshberg went to more trouble
to help his men than any other
section leader in the prisoner of
war camp.

Lt. Orcutt, who also served as
a section leader, said: "It is
my belief Hirshberg tried to do
the best he could for his section.
Hirshberg got outside details in
Manila because he knew his men
wanted them."

Under cross-examination, wit-
ness denied that he had offered
his service to the Japanese as
a machinist.—United Press.

Rumania's Reply Rejected

Washington, Aug. 6.
The United States Government is still "seriously
concerned" about the suppression of civil
liberties in Rumania and has rejected outright
as "unsatisfactory" Rumania's reply to the
American note of protest.

Charge And Denial Under Oath

Washington, Aug. 7.
Millionaire Howard Hughes and
Senator Owen Brewster put un-
der oath today a charge and denial
that the Republican Senator from
Maine offered to call off a war
plane contract investigation if
Hughes would merge the Trans-
World Airline with Pan Ameri-
can Airways.

They gave their squarely con-
tradictory testimony at a tense
hearing of a Senate war investi-
gating committee which is look-
ing into \$4,000,000 worth of con-
tracts the government gave
Hughes and industrialist Henry
J. Kaiser.

Hughes, who controls the TWA,
charged that Brewster last
February "told me that the hear-
ings need not go on if I agreed
to merge the TWA airline with
Pan American and to go along
with the bill for a single overseas
airline."

Brewster, chairman of the in-
vestigating committee, denied he
ever offered to halt the inquiry
now in progress and denied any
connection with Pan American.
But the Senator did acknowl-
edge that he discussed with
Hughes on two occasions the pos-
sible merger of TWA and the Pan
American.—Associated Press.

KILLEARNS IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, Aug. 6.
Lord and Lady Killern and
party arrived this afternoon for
a three-day private visit, during
which Lord Killern is schedu-
led to meet the Foreign Minister
on Thursday.

It is possible that Lord Kil-
learn and the Foreign Minister
will conduct preliminary talks
on the rice situation.

A Council of Regency decree
extended the present session of
the National Parliament, which
should end on Aug. 7. The
Royal decree extends the session
until a new decree to prorogue
Parliament is promulgated.
—United Press.

PRINCESS IN COMMONS

London, Aug. 6.
Princess Elizabeth, heiress
presumptive to the throne, will
for the first time accompany the
King and Queen when His
Majesty opens the new session
of Parliament on Tuesday, Oct.
21.—Reuter.

U.S. CANCELS CREDIT

Washington, Aug. 6.
The United States has can-
celled the \$7,000,000 Export-
Import Bank credit to Hun-
gary, the Secretary of State,
Mr. George Marshall, an-
nounced today.

A similar action in respect to
the credit to the same nation
for the purchase of United
States surplus property was
taken some months ago, fol-
lowing the resignation of Mr.
Ferenc Nagy, the ex-Premier.
—Reuter.

Troops Gather On Albanian Frontier

ATHENS, AUG. 6.
UNUSUAL CONCENTRA-
TIONS OF TROOPS
ON THE ALBANIAN FRON-
TIER WERE REPORTED TO-
DAY IN PRESS DES-
PATCHES FROM JANINA,
IN NORTHERN EPIRUS.

Strings of army lorries carry-
ing war material were con-
tinually on the road, these re-
ports said. Behind the Albanian
line, fortification works
were being carried out with the
aid of Greeks from northern
Epirus who had been forcibly
enrolled, the Agency said.

Colonel Doranger, French
Military Attache in Athens,
went to the Albanian frontier
to make an on-the-spot inspec-
tion of the locality where
guerrillas recently entered
Greek territory from Albania
in the Konitza region.—Reuter.

H.K. Gets Most Rice

London, Aug. 6.
Malaya's basic rice ration of
4½ ounces a day was the same
as in Ceylon and North Borneo,
but slightly less than the pre-
sent ration in Hong Kong, the
Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur
Creagh Jones, stated in a Parlia-
mentary reply today.

Mr. Harold Davies (Labour)
had asked how Malaya's daily
rice ration compared with that
of other countries in Asia, and
if the International Emergency
Food Council would be asked
to review its allocation to rice-
eating populations.

Mr. Creagh Jones regretted
that he had not got material
for a comparison with the pre-
sent ration scales of other coun-
tries in Asia. He understood
that the International Emer-
gency Food Council would meet
next month to consider the rice
allocations for 1948.—Reuter.

TRUMAN VISIT TO BRAZIL

Washington, Aug. 7.
President Harry Truman to-
day accepted an invitation to
visit Brazil in late August or
September.

The White House announced
that Mr. Truman will fly to Rio
de Janeiro for a three-day visit
and return to the United States
on board the battleship USS
Missouri.

Press Secretary Charles Ross
would not comment when asked
whether Mr. Truman will ad-
dress the Intra-American
Security Conference which
opens in Rio on Aug. 15.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Commons Protest At Lavish Wedding

London, Aug. 6.
Britain is officially inviting all the Dominion
Prime Ministers to attend the wedding of
Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip
Mountbatten on Nov. 20.

It is believed that the Prime
Ministers of India and Pakistan
will be among those receiving
invitations. The Government
is already planning a Prime
Ministers' Conference at No. 10,
Downing Street, official resi-
dence of the Prime Minister,
Mr. Clement Attlee, either im-
mediately before or after the
wedding.

By that time, it would be 18
months since their previous
conference in London. Much
has happened in the interim to
justify a fresh personal ex-
change of views, particularly on
constitutional matters such as
formation of the new Dominions
of India and Pakistan.
Alteration of the titles of
the older Dominions themselves,
and of complimentary changes

M.P. Guilty: Breach Of Privilege

London, Aug. 6.
Mr. Evelyn Walkden, Labour
member, was today found
"guilty of a breach of privilege"
for disclosing confidential Parlia-
mentary information to a
London evening paper by the
powerful House of Commons
Committee of Privileges, which
guards the House's authority
and reputation.

In a statement on Tuesday in
the House of Commons, Mr.
Walkden revealed that he was
the member whose name the
editor and political correspon-
dent of the London Evening
News had refused to disclose to
the Committee of Privileges
when it was investigating leak-
ages to newspapers concerning
private meetings of the Parlia-
mentary Labour Party.

Today's report of the Com-
mittee of Privileges said that it
felt Mr. Walkden "had disclosed
to a newspaper information
about Party meetings which he
well knew was intended to be
secret and the value of which
to the newspaper concerned was
indeed that it was confidential
and not obtained through normal
sources."—Reuter.

Cambodian Peace Talks

Bangkok, Aug. 6.
Phra Phiset Phanit, one of the
Free Cambodian leaders, flew
to Cambodia from here and
Ree Khun, Siamese MP for
Battambang, is expected at
Battambang this week for con-
sultations, which are understood
to be peace talks, with the
French Commissioner General
for Cambodia.

Mr. Phiset's trip was propo-
sed by the Commissioner, who
guaranteed his safety during
the trip and promised him a safe
return to Siam. The letter of
invitation was signed by the
French Minister to Bangkok,
Pierre Gilbert.

Raymond Plon Bernier, Coun-
sellor at the French Legation,
was assigned to accompany
Phra Phiset during the trip.—
United Press.

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Open Door To Japan?

Tokyo, Aug. 6.
Possibility that the system for American businessmen visiting Japan may be dropped by the year's end as being "unnecessary" has been advanced unofficially by American sources here.

The theory is that accommodations will be sufficient by that time to handle all who wish to come. The sources predicted three factors:

(1) The quotas of other nations not sending the allotted number of private trade representatives will go to the United States.

(2) After the first two quotas arrive and depart from Japan, the "realities" of the trade situation will weed out all save long-termers and displace the hopes of those expecting to make a quick killing on exports.

(3) Housing accommodations will have been expanded. The liveliest controversy in Tokyo today still is the future—if and when—international exchange rate. On one hand SCAP, desirous of stimulating trade, knows the exchange rate is the biggest encouraging factor. On the other hand, if the dollar value is set too high—high enough to satisfy foreign traders—the effect may be to skyrocket the Japanese inflation and possibly further disrupt the economy.

American businessmen are desirous of setting the rate at approximately 200 yen to US\$1—four times above the present SCAP endorsed military exchange rate.

Although SCAP officials realize the present rate does not reflect the true buying power of the yen they are reluctant to hike as high as 200 to one—United Press.

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MARSHALL EXTENDS A HELPING HAND TO BRITAIN

Washington, Aug. 6.
The United States Government had agreed to a high-level conference with the British on the question of easing the terms of the American loan to Britain, Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, announced at a press conference today.

Speaking as the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons of the British economic crisis, he said that the proposed conference would be concerned with the possible modification of convertibility and anti-discrimination clauses of the loan agreement.

Beyond the fact that the conference would be at high-level, no details of the time, venue or composition of the delegations had yet been fixed, Mr. Marshall said. He stressed that the conference would concentrate solely on the question of liberalizing the conditions of the loan and would not be concerned with German occupation costs or any other aspect of the British economic crisis.

Mr. Marshall caused surprise by expressing the view that it was not necessary to get Congressional assent for any modification of the controversial clauses, though he admitted that he was unable to give "an authoritative" reply on this point.

Previously all officials here had insisted that Congress must approve any detailed modification of the pact, which was ratified by Congress last summer.

Temperature Rising
Replying to questions, Mr. Marshall conceded that Europe was suffering from a "rapidly rising temperature" as far as her economic ills were concerned. He nevertheless refused to make any general statement on his Government's view, insisting once again that he did not want to influence in any way the discussions of the Marshall plan now going on in Paris.

"I can say, however, that we are following all developments and all information very closely," Mr. Marshall declared.—Reuter.

HKVDC ORDERS
Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. Owen-Hughes, Acting Commandant, HKV.D. Corps. Order No. 25/47 dated 7th August, 1947.

1.—Information Required. Any one having any knowledge of the whereabouts of the next of kin of 4301 Gunner F.A. Kosakowsky, 1st Battery, HKV.D.C., is asked to communicate with the Adjutant without delay.

2.—Hong Kong Services Rifle Association. Practice Shoots will be held on Saturday, 9th August and Sunday, 10th August, Launch buildings—Saturday, 9th August, Queen's Pier Dep. 1430 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon, Dep. 1445 for East Pier, Stonecutters. East Pier, Stonecutters Return 1630 for Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon and Queen's Pier. Sunday, 10th August, Queen's Pier Dep. 0915 for East Pier, Stonecutters. Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon Dep. 0930 for East Pier, Stonecutters. East Pier, Stonecutters Return 1230 for Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon and Queen's Pier.

Part 2 Orders. Order No. 25/47. 1.—Arrival. 2007 5/Sgt. Maunder, F.G. Arrived in Hong Kong on 10 July 47. 2.—Strength-Decrease. 3575 Pte. Silva, L.C. da No. 6 Company, W.I. WESTON, CAPTAIN Adjutant, HKV.D. Corps.

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1.10 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Hal Lorenzo at the Piano (Recorded in the Studio).
1.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Studio: Children's Half-Hour.
6.35 p.m.—Favourites from "Till the Clouds Roll By."
6.50 p.m.—Studio: "See You" On Sport.
7.00 p.m.—Studio: "You Asked for It." Variety Request Programme presented by Monica Jackson.
8.00 p.m.—London Delay: World News from Radio.
8.10 p.m.—London Delay: Home News from Radio.
8.15 p.m.—Studio: "Music Hall."
8.45 p.m.—Albert Sandler (Violin) and His Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Fellowship of the Frog" by Edgar Wallace. Part 4: "The Uniqueness of Joshua Broad."
9.30 p.m.—Interlude.
9.35 p.m.—Leptocauloids: "The Pastelists" with Benjamin O'Neil and Ira Packer and Members of La Scala Chorus and Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—London Delay: News.
10.10 p.m.—Walter Bishop.
10.31 p.m.—Continuation of "The Pastelists."
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Atom Bombs Scarce

Chicago, Aug. 6.
An authority on armaments today charged that the Navy's views on atomic warfare were based on the assumption that atom bombs would be scarce "for a rather long time to come."

Bernard Brodie, writing in the Bulletin of atomic scientists, said that the Navy's atomic bomb philosophy "may evaporate a good deal faster than the Navy expects."

A member of Yale University's Institute of International Studies, Mr. Brodie interviewed many top-ranking Admirals to learn what they thought about atomic weapons. He said some authorities believed the cost of a single atomic bomb eventually would be cut to US\$1,000,000, or less than the cost of the B-29 to carry it. The bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki cost US\$1,000,000,000 each.

Brodie said the Navy apparently believed that atomic bombs would remain scarce and expensive and that because of their scarcity, reliable means must be developed to drop them on the enemy. He said the Navy believed that unescorted long-range bombers would not be reliable enough.

He added, however, that because of the bomb's destructiveness, the attacker could defeat the enemy if only one out of ten of its atomic weapons ever reached its target. He said this would mean 90 per cent of an attacking bomber force could be shot down and the raid would still be successful.

In conventional bombing raids during the last war, a 10 per cent loss of planes was considered the maximum for the raid to be a strategic success.—United Press.

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SECOND BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Quite clearly, expectations that Britain would face up to the economic crisis now threatening the country, sternly but wholeheartedly, are not to be disappointed. The strong action planned and outlined by Mr. Attlee in the House of Commons as the Government's statement of the minimum requirements, was essential as giving the lead and letting the country know the worst, but the guarantee of importance, that the country is on its mettle, ready for the fray, and determined to win through, comes hearteningly from the people themselves, and gives confidence that this battle too will be won. The comparison made by the Prime Minister between the dark days of 1940 immediately following Dunkirk, and the emergency that now looms, called for the skill, endurance and self-sacrifice not this time of the "The Few" but of the many; and the people of the British Isles being what they are, the positive response was never open to question. In this there is no attitude of complacency. There is full realization of hardships ahead, frustration in many fields, and a harsh pause in national reconstruction. Leisure hours must be shortened; wartime restrictions upon individual freedom of action accepted as an integral feature of the national effort. Above all is the ready agreement that Britain cannot base any programme on anticipations of benefits under the Marshall Plan, and that if Britain is to emerge triumphantly through this phase of crisis, she must do so as the result of her own exertions. Traditionally, morale is higher, because the grim facts are unmistakably clear; and however drastic the methods entailed in the fight for survival, there is the fullest assurance of the people's willing support. Recovery means longer hours in the coal mines and all essential industries; further curtailment of the imports, of all but basic foodstuffs; a campaign to increase agricultural production in Britain; and re-direction of the national industrial effort. New austerity standards coupled with heavier labours is not an easy idea to sell to a people well aware that Britain's plight is due to an economic contribution to the Allied victory, relatively unparalleled by any other nation. But nothing is more certain than that the British people would rather have things that way than that we should go to Washington as a bankrupt applicant. The one way in which the United States can assist without placing Britain under further heavy financial obligation is by easing the conditions of the American Loan both as to the free convertibility of sterling and the anti-discrimination clause. Very welcome therefore is the official announcement made by General Marshall that the United States has agreed to a conference on this question. Already the suggestion has come from U.S. that the American dollar should be defined by the International Monetary Fund as a "free currency," which would free Britain from the obligation for the time being to meet the cost of her purchases in dollars, which in itself would bring a predictable relief at a time when it would be most helpful. The primary task, however, remains for the British people to work out for themselves and in that case Mr. Attlee's magnificent speech service yesterday, for guidance rather than for a magical spell, and a reminder that the Marshall Plan is not a magic wand.

Hong Kong's Fishermen's Cooperative Has Attracted The Interest Of Other Parts of the Empire. MARGARET BRADBURY Below Provides The Background To The Enterprise

HONG KONG'S LARGEST LOCAL INDUSTRY

Hong Kong's post-war fishing industry marketing scheme, the first of its kind ever to be put in practice, in any of the Colonies, has proved so successful that several other British settlements abroad are considering its introduction. Enquiries about the practical application of Hong Kong's fishing system have been received here recently from at least two British colonies in the East, apart from other parts of the Empire.

First applied in October 1945 when the local fishermen were facing dire poverty, the marketing scheme is based on cooperative principles, the charge for the market is kept as low as possible and any profits are returned to the industry. Out of the first year's profits, 12 three-ton lorries were bought to provide it with sufficient transportation.

Fishing has always been Hong Kong's largest local industry. Today, its present total of 63,000 fishermen have benefited considerably in earnings and working conditions by the abolishment of numerous loans and middle-men who previously exploited them until they lived merely at subsistence level.

Big Exports

On an average, 340,000 piculs of fish are caught each year in the Colony's fishing waters, of which 220,000 piculs are salted. About 110,000 piculs of dried and salted fish are exported every year to China, Malaya, South America, Canada, Cuba and South Africa.

The average local fisherman now earns several thousands of dollars a year while crews of junks, earn about \$2,000 each per annum. Long-line fishermen each receive from \$8,000 to \$10,000 each a year.

The present Secretary for Development, Dr. G. A. C. Herkless, who at the liberation realised the necessity for a post-war change in the Colony's fishing industry was backed in his scheme by the P.C.A.O., Mr. D. M. MacDougall and as a result, a rehabilitation loan of \$100,000 was distributed to all fishermen at the rate of \$4 per head. This went towards providing them with food and clothing and an interest in the new scheme. Two launches were taken over by the Fishing Department and they began collecting fish from the outlying islands and other parts of the Colony.

Fish Auctions

A market was started in Kennedy Town where fish was sold by public auction. The fisherman was allowed to put a reserve price on the fish and that plus the public auction system, ensured that he got a reasonable price for his fish.

Since then, to benefit the fishermen, a returnable commission scheme has been introduced. This provides that the fishing market deducts an extra two per cent cash off all sales, and twice yearly returns this in lump sums plus an extra two per cent interest.

I was told yesterday by an official of the Fishing Cooperative, (which has 300 employees) "The main idea is to make the fishermen self-supporting. In an ordinary year they do make enough money to finance themselves quite well without any loan but when they do need money then they deduct sum is given back to them at the time it is needed."

"At the beginning of last month an additional cause was introduced into the Loan Agreement to fishermen. This calls for fishermen who are granted a loan, to agree voluntarily to save five per cent of their total sales by deduction during the eight months of their loan season."

Depleted Fleet

The Colony's post-war fishing fleet is considerably depleted compared with before the war due to sinkings which occurred mainly before December, 1941. The fleet, which was once the largest in the East, has been reduced to a fraction of its former strength. The Government has been working hard to replace the lost fleet, and has recently received a grant from the United States to help in this work. The grant will be used to purchase new fishing boats and equipment, and to provide training for fishermen. The Government hopes that this will help to rebuild the fishing industry and provide a source of income for the people of Hong Kong.

For instance, a number of the big junks which used to go out for Groupa were sunk. Previously there were 104 Long Liners attached to the fleet, whereas now there are only 41. Altogether there are just over 6,000 fishing boats in use now. These are made up of eight main different types of craft, 1,679 are "Purse Seiners" which are used for catching pelagic fish like Anchovies, Carangoid, Pouter, Mackerel, Scad and Golden Sardines. Also there are 1,722 Hand Liners. These go out to catch Groupa, Snapper, Golden Thread Fin and White Herring. The 41 Long Liners hunt Golden Thread, Red Sea-Bream, Garoupa, Horse-Head and all sea-bottom living fish. The total number of Junk Trawlers which by using trawls catch all the sea-bottom living fish also numbers 783 and the 83 "Pa Teng" craft are used mainly for Golden Sardines, Mackerel, Scad and Anchovies. Among the remaining craft are 229 junks which carry fish-driers and collectors, who salt and pack in ice the fish for dealers; 449 other junks which catch fish by traps and 1,100 sampans and other small boats. It is interesting to note that small fish are caught all along the coastline and large fish to the East and South of the Island.

Conservatism

Present view of the Fishing Cooperative towards replenishing the fleet's pre-war craft numbers is that a new type of boat should be devised which could be used for several varying fishing purposes. Engines are at the moment being fitted into occasional craft but before

this can be done on a larger scale a different kind of junk will have to be built.

Towards this impending mechanisation of the fleet the local fishermen are showing only a small amount of interest. As a Co-operative representative put it: "The fisherman here has the attitude born of pre-war poverty and acceptance of poor conditions, and feels that as long as he can live from day to day on his earnings, modernisation of the industry with a view to larger profits is not necessary."

"On the other hand the Colony's fishermen have a healthy and growing interest in education for their children. This attitude, which seems to be a post-war inclination, is now almost the overriding factor in their lives and we are doing out best to foster this."

Up to date seven schools catering for 2,000 children of fishermen have been set up in various parts of Hong Kong and the New Territories and a plan to provide education for about 2,000 children whose parents belong to the fishing industry is being considered by the Co-operative.

VAGRANT TO BE REPATRIATED

James Osborne (47), no fixed abode, was ordered by Mr. F.X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday to be detained at the House of Detention until he could be repatriated.

Osborne appeared in answer to a charge of being a vagrant with no fixed abode and no visible means of support.

Mr. W.R. Hillier, Deputy Shipping Master of the Harbour Department, told the court that defendant was arrested by S.I. Moss.

In October 1946 defendant was discharged from his ship for assault, and was sentenced for 10 weeks.

On his release he made arrangements for his repatriation but was again implicated in an arms case and sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Arrangements had been made for him to join S.S. Tyton but these had not been successful.

JAI HIND SEALS

New Delhi, Aug. 6. Special Independence seals bearing the words "Jai Hind" victory for India, in English and Hindi will be used to cancel postage stamps in letters from Aug. 15, India's Independence Day, and date of the British withdrawal.—Reuter.

New Delhi, Aug. 7. At least 45 were reported killed and 100 injured in Hindu-Muslim fighting in the Punjab. Sixteen villages were raided in 24 hours in the Amritsar district and Police said the raids amounted to attacks and counter-attacks by Moslem and Hindu bands.—Associated Press.

An American Looks At The Crisis

BY LEROY KELLER

London, Aug. 5. The British economic crisis hits an American newcomer with a terrific impact. At first the desperate struggle to live is hidden behind British politeness and the spirit of "carry on." You notice later in little things—lack of gaiety, no napkins and dirty table cloths, meals limited to three courses and at night the dimness of London.

Restaurants close at 10 p.m., bars shut up early and there are no night clubs except a few operating illegally. If you fail to eat by 10—and it is easy to do since it is still daylight—you begin to get to feel the grimmest peace year in Britain's history.

The atmosphere is of war, grim and relentless. But it is not an air of urgency or of deadly peril with flying bombs and rockets. The people seem baffled.

The average man can only see danger when an air raid siren sounds or bombs fall but he cannot be convinced that Britain is in mortal danger over something as intangible as "dollar exchange" or "export market."

The newspapers are now whipping up the bad news but all of it does not penetrate to his understanding. Posters crying "We work or want" are everywhere, and for the purpose of bringing home the crisis John Bull is represented not as a jovial, portly gentleman but as a slim, determined looking man in a Union Jack vest.

I walked by No. 10 Downing Street where the Cabinet had been meeting. There was a crowd outside looking worried. You question them about their reaction to the economic crisis and they flare up and ask: "Why must we continue to take it?"

There appears to be growing resentment toward America. One housewife said to me: "The Americans helped us to survive during the war. Now with our need greater why does she let us down?"

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"The way I seen it, Sarge, it looked like they was both 'too busy tryin' to run down the same pedestrian!"

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THIN DOUBLES RISKY

THERE ARE risks which a rubber player must take in reaching out for game, which are justified because so much is gained if the effort succeeds and so little lost. Such straining would not be sound in match-play, duplicate, where only the deal can be won. Conversely, some risks are sound in such a duplicate that would be unwise in rubbers—especially thin doubles, or less-than-game contracts which would hand the opponents a game if they made the contract.

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good. North's willingness to leave it there gave him the appearance of having stretched his values. West's venture of showing his heart suit at the two level against two bidding opponents gave his hand the semblance of some defensive value. And on top of that East, who had said nothing yet, held a couple of aces.

That double would have been foolish in rubber, bridge, hazing the gift of a game to the opponents. But in duplicate the stakes were 50-50 to win or lose the match-points on that one hand. It panned out successfully, since the declarer had no way to keep the defense from a trick in each suit. Thus this particular East-West pair outscored all the others who played against 4-Diamonds without doubling.

Tomorrow's Problem

SA K Q 10 9 8 2
H 4
D K 9 7 5 4
C None

SA 8 7 6 5
H None
D J 10 6 2
C K 9 8 2

SA 8 7 6 5
H None
D J 10 6 2
C K 9 8 2

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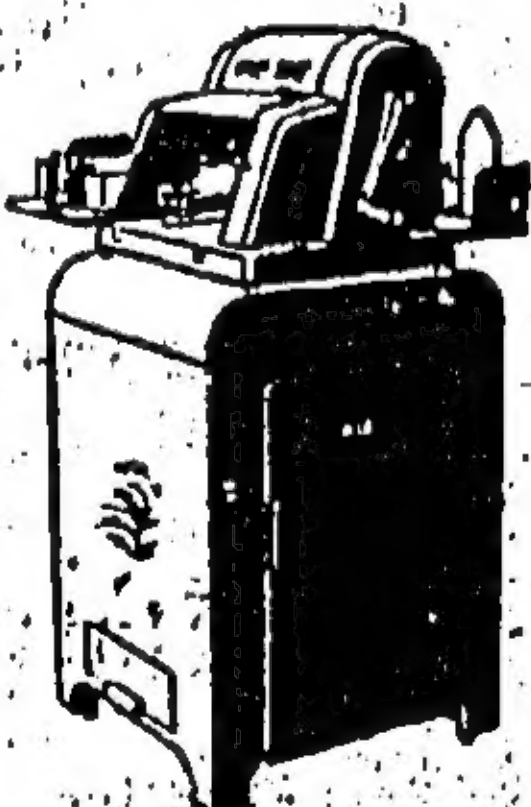
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The Commission last year ruled that capacity in excess of 100,000 tons could be retained only until June 30, 1947. However, in response to requests from General MacArthur, the Commission decided to permit a "maximum of an additional 300,000 metric tons" for another year.

The decision was the result of General MacArthur's report that the continued coal shortage in Japan made it necessary to keep a larger number of electric steel furnaces in operation than had been anticipated.

The Commission ruled, however, that its decision should not postpone designation of electric steel furnaces for reparations removal by claimant nations but merely provide that actual removal should not take place before the middle of 1948.

Soviet Made U.S. Hand Over Currency Plates

Washington, Aug. 6.

Sledge-hammer diplomacy by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Vyacheslav Molotov, and his deputy, Andrei Gromyko, forced United States Cabinet officers in 1944 to turn over to Russia American plates for printing German occupation currency, it was revealed tonight.

Hitherto top-secret diplomatic notes and memoranda disclosed that prior to the Allied invasion of Europe, the Russians issued at least two ultimatums to gain possession of the plates from which they struck an unknown quantity of occupation marks. The Soviets twice threatened to print occupation money of their own pattern if the United States plates were not forthcoming.

United States officials feared this would disrupt beyond repair all plans to treat Germany as an economic unit. They fought the Russian demand for United States plates because they were opposed to letting any two nations turn out identical money for Germany. If this was done, they contended, neither nation could be held accountable for the total number of marks produced.

Secret records gathered from the files of the State, War and Treasury Departments were made available by the Senate Appropriations Committee after the State Department disclosed today that 5,000,000 pounds of 50 calibre ammunition was sold to Sweden on May 15 at a cost price of \$707,000. The sale was effected by the State Department in its capacity as foreign-surplus and lend-lease disposal agent.—Reuter.

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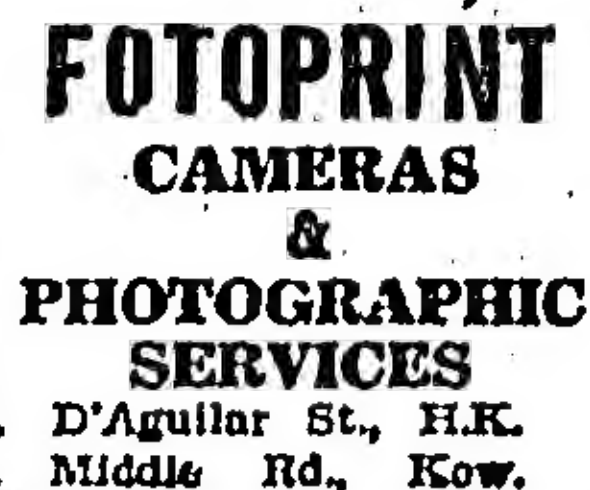
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London, Aug. 6.

Arthur Fagg, Kent opening bat, playing his highest innings this season—184—was mainly responsible for Kent registering the highest County score this season against Middlesex, joint leaders in the County championship.

Middlesex bowlers toiled in the field all day, but throughout the England left-arm bowler, J. Young, bowled admirably and claimed his 100 wickets of the season during the innings.

Just before the close of play, Smith (four for 83), South Africa 42 for one (Mitchell 21 not out).—Reuter.

At Canterbury: Kent 423 for
 eight (Faggs 184, Ames 55, Paw-
 son 67). Middlesex to bat.
 At Portsmouth: Hampshire
 186 (Rogers 70, Laken eight for
 67). Surrey 118 for eight.
 At Leicester: Yorkshire 470
 for six (Hutton 137, Smithson
 169, Yardley 100). Leicester-
 shire to bat.
 At Manchester: Gloucestershire
 367 for six (Allen 53,
 Cran 226 not out, Wilson 63).
 Lancashire to bat.
 At Chesterfield: Derbyshire
 223 (Townsend 86, Bailey five
 for 83). Essex 173 for eight.
 At Nottingham: Somerset
 425 for nine (Gimblet 118,
 Waford 96, Hatts 60). Notts
 to bat.
 At Worcester: Worcestershire
 170 (Palmer 51, Muncie five
 for 17). Glamorgan 95 for
 three (E. Davies 51 not out).
 At Northampton: Sussex
 410 for six (J. Langridge 73,
 Parks 73, Stain on 73, Bartlett
 54). Northants to bat.—Renter.

Birmingham, Aug. 7.
Violent hitting by Peter
Crammer, County captain and
Anglian rugby international,
took Warwickshire's first in-
nings score to 330 after a
moderate start against the
South Africans here today.
South Africa made 20 minutes
of time before batsmen were
drawn and scored 42 for the
loss of their skipper, Alan Mc-
Lville, who was out for 15 in the
last over of the day.
With luck on his side, Cram-
mer, who went in when six
wickets were down for 176,
scored 101 in 90 minutes.
On a batsman's wicket, the
South African spinners had to
work hard all day.
The close of play scores were:
Warwickshire 330 (Hill 73,
Crammer 101, Mann five for 109,
Baker 10, and Gurney 10).

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Tokyo, Aug. 7.
The defence, dealing with the Pacific phase of the trial of Hideki Tojo and other Japanese wartime leaders, introduced documentary evidence today purporting to show that while Japan had difficulty in even sustaining peacetime economy, the United States was responsible for exerting economic pressure on Japan.

The International Military Tribunal for the Far East admitted into the Court records excerpts from "Peace and war," the official publication of the United States Department, including the text of the telegram then Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, sent to the American Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Joseph Grew, on May 30, 1940.

In the telegram, Mr. Hull admitted that the United States had been exerting economic pressure on Japan for one year, that a United States fleet was stationed in the Pacific and that "everything possible" was being done "short of serious risk of actual military hostilities" in order to keep the Japanese situation stabilized.

This course, Mr. Hull said, was the best evidence of American intentions for the future.—United Press.

Carmarthen, Aug. 6.
An angry cow knocked down a woman within a few feet of Princess Elizabeth today at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show, but R.A.S. personnel and police protected the Princess from harm by throwing a human cordon around her until the animal was quietened.
The woman was not injured.
The cow became frightened when crowds broke through the barriers to get nearer the Princess who was presenting the winning cups.—United Press.

Regulating Petty Officer David Morris, Acting Master of Arms, H.M.S. Flycatcher, was found guilty on four charges by a court martial yesterday and sentenced to be deprived of his long service and good conduct medal and two good conduct badges with the consequential penalties.

The Court consisted of Captain H. B. Ellison D.S.O. (President), Commander M.J. Ross D.S.C., Lt-CDr G.H. Reynolds, Lt-CDr J.F.B. Brown O.B.E., D.S.C. and Lt-CDr R.L. Alexander-Siddall, Lt-CDr J.F. Rawlinson and the Officiating Deputy Judge Advocate. The Prosecutor was Commander (A) W.H.N. Martin, the Captain of H.M.S. Flycatcher, and he was assisted by Lieutenant (S) P.J. Glasen. Lieutenant-Commander (S) G.V. King appeared as friend of the accused.

The accused was charged with:-

1. Act to the prejudice of good order and Naval discipline in driving a jeep outside H.M.S. Flycatcher, not being in possession of an outside Naval driving licence and not being on an approved duty trip.
2. Acting to the prejudice of good order and Naval discipline in driving a jeep outside H.M.S. Flycatcher, not being on an au-

Tientsin, Aug. 7.
In 1944 three brothers concluded a Chinese blood pact to avenge their father's death during the Japanese occupation.

An informer had denounced the father of the Teng brothers to the Japanese and they swore that when the war ended they would wipe out the wrong in blood.

Nanking, Aug. 7.
Charges of murder have been preferred against two American soldiers arrested here today and after the death, by drowning, of two Chinese.

Colonel Wallace H. Hastings, Chief of Staff of the United States Army Advisory Group, held a press conference this today.

Frank Aldrich of the Bronx, New York, and Joseph Ceronno of Whiting, Indiana, are expected to go on trial at the end of this month.

Both men have selected as their special defence counsel Major Frederick B. Weis, of Cranford University, New Jersey.

They are accused of throwing two Chinese over a bridge into Nanking's water.—REUTERS.

Cairo, Aug. 6.
Egypt will impose higher duties on imported goods, while raw materials and machinery will be admitted duty free, Abdul La Abaza Bey, Egyptian Under-Secretary for Commerce and Industry, stated today.
"The war gave Egypt a chance to start new industries, but some of them could not survive post-war competition from abroad", he said.

"Fire-war industries such as cotton, sugar, soap and leather have had continued success. "My Ministry has been studying this question, and is now taking steps to encourage local industry. High Customs duties will be imposed on imported goods liable to compete with locally-manufactured goods, while local firms will be helped to import raw materials exempt from duty. "As soon as the war ended, the markets were flooded with imported goods, and local industry almost stopped production. "The home market for industrial banks will also help in the development of Egyptian industry," he added.—Reuter.

Tientsin, Aug. 6. Greeted in Mukden by an American-equipped Chinese guard of honour, Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer continued his fact-finding mission in the very heart of civil war.

Gen. Wedemeyer met General Hsiung Shih-hui, top military commander in Manchuria, while his aides collected information with regard to Manchuria's run-down economy, shattered infrastructure and critical military situation.

Before leaving for Tsingtao on Thursday, Wedemeyer is scheduled to visit the Fushun mines near Mukden—once feeding Manchuria but today yielding only a bare trickle of coal.

Among other military chiefs Wedemeyer met his old "battle friend," Gen. Liao Yew-hsiang, commander of the New Sixth Army, which, with the First Army, fought in Burma after receiving American equipment and training.

Liao's troops today straddle the territory north of Dairen, swarming the Russian green light to take over the important port from the Chinese Communists.—United Press.

Paris, Aug. 6.
M. Marcel Bouscass, million-
aire French racehorse owner,
stated here today that his three-
year-old Cadix would be scratch-
ed tomorrow from the St. Leger
next month.

Earlier in the day, Cadix had
shown disappointing form at
Deauville, where he could only
finish third in a race over one
mile seven furlongs.

The French owner still has
Arbar left in the last English
classic of the flat season.—
Rector.

Tse Tse, 23, driver of lorry 5902, was fined \$150 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for dangerous driving at Ma Tau Wei Road on Aug. 6.

Prosecuting, S/I Howarth stated that inspector H. E. Rogers saw defendant's lorry parked at Tai Wan Road.

Accused, on seeing Inspector Rogers, shot off Tai Wan Road into Ma Tau Wei Road at a speed estimated at 60 m.p.h. The latter road was "pretty crowded."

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payment of reparations for war damages, and the necessity for fresh capital is therefore obvious.

"Your Board are strongly of the opinion that an authorised capital of \$8,000,000 is unduly low in relation to the actual value of the Company's fixed assets, and as it is apparent that an increase would be necessary in order to meet the needs of the Board decided that the proposed increase should be adequate to meet all future eventualities. The first of the resolutions now before you therefore increases the authorised capital to \$45,000,000, a sum more in keeping with the Company's assets and operations. This increase, of course, is merely a provision entailing no liability, and while the limit authorised may never be reached, your Directors feel that every situation made should be ample to cover all contingencies.

"The terms and conditions under which it is proposed to make this new issue are fully set out in the notice convening this meeting. These terms were decided upon after very careful consideration by your Board, and they are of the opinion that they are fair and equitable in the interests of shareholders, and the best interests of the Company. Only that portion of the total which is required for present commitments is payable on acceptance, payment of the balance being deferred to approximately a year hence. The new issue is in the form of a loan which will be well under way. Provision has been made, however, for payment in full if it suits the convenience of shareholders. As this new capital is required to meet reconstruction and reconstruction costs, your Directors are confident that the issue by capitalising reserves you not as present practicable.

South Orange, N.J.,
Aug. 6.
Madame Magda Rurac, Ru-
manian champion, was bente-
in the third round of the

Miss G. Moran, ranked No. 13 in the United States, beat her by 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.—*Reuter*.

Stockholm, Aug. 6. — The American athletes, who are touring Europe, met with further success in the "Stockholm Games," which continued here today.

Harrison Dillard, of America, won the 100 metres hurdle event in 14.1 seconds, while his compatriot, William Smith, captured the 400 metres hurdle event in 51.8 seconds—a record for the Stockholm Stadium.

Reuter.

A Garden Fete will be held in Dr. Andrew's Church grounds on Saturday, Nov. 8, in aid of the Restoration Fund. There will be a general meeting of the parish at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the Church Hall, to discuss arrangements for the Fete, details of which will be announced later.

The following donations to the Restoration Fund received since publication of the last list, are gratefully acknowledged:

Mrs. G.W.V. Hill \$10; Mrs. J. W. Smith, A.C. \$10; Mr. Sarah Jones, A.C. \$10; Mr. Sidney Owen, A.C. \$10; Miss Clara Abbot, A.C. \$10; Miss Marion Ashby, A.C. \$10; Miss Marlene Aubrey, A.C. \$10; Mrs. A.C. Jeffreys, Pauline & John \$100 and Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Cresswell \$100. Total to date £1,619.10 (Target—£1,620.00).

Paris, Aug. 6.
Forty were killed and over 160 injured in fighting which flared up during a general strike in Tunisia yesterday.
The end of the strike was officially announced by the French Resident-General in Tunis tonight, it was reported from Tunis.

The "battle" is said to have occurred between the strikers and French troops, clashed around the railway depot at Sfax.

Eighty strikers arrested after the fighting were carrying hand-grenades as well as arms, according to reports from Paris newspapers.

Conditions were almost back to normal throughout Tunisia to-night.

A general strike was called on Monday by the Tunisian-Workers Union for a higher maximum wage.

The French Resident-General in Tunis tonight issued a communique announcing the end of the strike and stating that a proportion of the increase of wages was granted last month.

He further was reported that the French Cabinet today turned down a "inflationary news" the agreement reached between the National Council of French Employers and the General Labor Confederation for an 11 per cent general increase in wages.

The communique issued after the meeting said it was "impossible for now wages to be calculated on a basis other than the legal wage."

It added that the Cabinet was opposed "deliberately and completely" to any general revision of prices immediate or otherwise.

"The Cabinet maintains its decision to revise in the near future the prices of certain goods for which conditions of production have become unfavorable," the communique said.

—Hans Reuter.

Sofia, Aug. 6 (AP)—One of the defendants in Bulgaria's treason trial told the court today that the main defendant, Nicola Petkov, told him (defendant) last April that the Western powers intended to occupy Bulgaria and establish an anti-Communist Government with Petkov as premier.

Dimitir Ivanov, rural area
Secretary of the Agrarian Party—

the opposition group—pleaded
guilty to participating in a plot to
overthrow the Fatherland Front
and said Petkov informed him,
"The Western powers will not
permit Bulgaria to become Com-
munist in view of its strategic

Manila, Aug. 7. A quantity of unmanufactured jewellery and US\$2,000 cash sewn up inside an innocent looking pillow were allegedly discovered by Customs inspectors in the possession of Mrs. Leung Do, passenger on the TAA (Trans-Arctic Airlines) plane, No. PCC 181, which took off from Hong Kong and landed yesterday afternoon at Makati airport, Manila.

Mrs. Leung will be inspected by the deputy collector of Customs, today.—United Press.

Espeillon, Aug. 7.
Premier Paul Ramadier told the people of his native department of Aveyron yesterday that France was nearer full pre-war production than any other country of Europe.
"France is a country in Europe which has obtained the most substantial productive results. We have reached in certain sectors of economy a production of 90 and 94 per cent of 1938 production."
The white-haired Premier went on: "We can have confidence in ourselves. French effort will assure the rise of France. Let us not count exclusively on aid from other nations."—United Press.

While Wong Nui, 42, widow, was walking along Nanking Road near Reclamation Street at 2.45 p.m. on Aug. 5 a man came up from behind and snatched the gold chain from her wrist.

She raised the alarm and Detective C.593 chased the man and arrested him at Ningpo Street, with the chain still clutched in his right hand still.

When Lo Chung, 19, unemployed, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Inspector J. Orem informed His Worship that accused had four previous convictions between Jan. 1946 and Aug. 2.

Defendant was sentenced to five months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane.

The Chinese Civil Servants Association held another meeting last night to continue discussion of a petition to the Government regarding salaries. The final decision of the meeting called for a petition to His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham instead of the original proposal to write to the Secretary of State for Colonies direct. The "China Mail" was told yesterday that the petition was being drafted and will be presented to the Governor immediately after signature by the association's Executive and Advisory Committees.

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